

From: BELLBOYAL@aol.com [mailto:BELLBOYAL@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 5:04 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: 2-XA

Please vote for 2_XA so my grandson has a place to fish when he is old enough.

Thank You

AL Hollinger

From: Schubert, Bill - SJMC [mailto:Bill.Schubert@CHW.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:39 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: In support of draft proposal 2-XA

To Whom It May Concern:

Last winter my eight year old son and I were lucky enough to go crab fishing with a good friend of ours at Half Moon Bay. This was my son's first time on the ocean fishing and because of the fantastic experience he had, he now wants to become a Marine Biologist. If you adopt proposal 4, how many other kids will miss an experience that could change their lives. I would like to see proposal 2-XA adopted, so other children will have the same opportunity my son had.

Sincerely,

Bill Schubert

Bill Schubert
Stockton, CA.

From: brianlr@lmi.net [<mailto:brianlr@lmi.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 6:04 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: BRTF proposal 2-XA

As a responsible chef in the bay area who is concerned with not only what we eat but where it comes from and from whom I urge you to approve Proposal 2-XA. It meets and exceeds the science and conservation goals of the MLPA, while incorporating the least socio-economic impact on fishermen, coastal communities and marine related business. It strikes a balance between preservation, conservation, and sustainable use; the other proposals do not.

Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines and it is enforceable. This is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range user groups.

thank you for your attention to the matters

brian leitner
owner/chef
LRE Catering

From: martha woodford [mailto:briandmartha@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:42 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Proposal 2-XA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am asking for your support to the above Proposal 2-XA. I am retired and enjoy fishing and would like to continue enjoying this sport.

Brian Woodford

From: cal [mailto:cal@chezpanisse.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:55 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: proposal 2-xa

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Thanks for your Consideration,
Cal Peternell
Chez Panisse Cafe chef
Berkeley, CA

From: Doug Parish [mailto:dougparish@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:02 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: I Support Proposal 2-XA

I Strongly urge you to vote for proposition 2-XA!
It is seen by myself and many others as the only viable option in an otherwise sad

situation.

As a long time resident in the State of California and recreational angler, I see proposition 2-XA as the ONLY one that best satisfies the safe and educational use of the California State Ocean waters!

From a selfish viewpoint, I want to continue the enjoyment of a nice day on the water taking my children and grandchildren ocean fishing, as my Grandfather did with my Dad & me. I am a boat owner and have it berthed at Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay.

Just the negative economic impact of the other 2 options in an already down turned economy would be further crippling.

In closing, vote for 2-XA
Thank you

Douglas E. Parish
San Jose, CA

From: Erik Hanssen [mailto:ehanssen@pacbell.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 12:53 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: In support of proposal 2-XA

TO: MLPA Comments
RE: MLPA Proposals

I urge you to consider proposal 2-XA as currently drafted, as a balanced alternative that's a prudent compromise for all constituents. In light of increasing energy costs (fuel), and economic slow down in all sectors, we need to adopt a proposal and strategy that has the least economic impact while being respectful of our environmental footprint.

Best Regards

Erik Hanssen
Mill Valley, CA

From: Erik Kjaer [mailto:bodegaerik@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:24 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Proposal 2-XA

BRTEF,

I am a life long California resident and have been fishing the Pacific Ocean for the last 29 years. I urge you to send Proposal 2-XA on to the F&G Commission. 2-XA all the way.

Thanks.

Erik K.

From: Patricia Bolfing [mailto:bolfinghouse@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:19 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Blue Ribbon Task Force

Having reviewed the ocean fishing proposals currently under consideration, I strongly recommend adoption of 2-XA. I base this recommendation on proposal 2-XA's emphasis on ecosystem protection, marine preserves, and the broad support of individuals and organizations that are most impacted by ocean fishery regulations.

I urge acceptance of proposal 2-XA.

Sincerely,
Harry F. Bolfing

From: Jim Mc [mailto:jimbob28@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:43 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Comments on MLPA - Support Proposal 2-XA

I have been sport fishing in the Ocean here in the Bay Area for the past 30 years. I feel that it aided in the character development of my son who grew up fishing with me and it has been a very rewarding activity.

I fully support conservation and the environment. What I do not support are the groups and proposals that make public domain off limits to the public in the mistaken belief that that's the only way to conserve the natural resources. There are definitely fishing practices that can be practiced within these proposed MLPA's that will not harm the intended revitalization of the endangered species.

With this in mind, I support **MLPA Proposal 2-XA** that is being supported by the Coastside Fishing Club.

Please keep this in mind and don't make many of the best spots in our local Ocean off limits to the thousands of people that get great pleasure in fishing out there.

J. R. McCombs

From: Jack Gordano [mailto:gjackjackson@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:44 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Proposal 2-XA

You guys need to know that all us fishermen support 2-XA. It's a balanced proposal move it forward.
Jack Gordano,

Monterey CA

From: JayDVeach@aol.com [mailto:JayDVeach@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 7:47 PM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: support of porposal 2-XA

Please note that adopting the 2-XA proposal is imperative to my livelihood.

I have been in the marine industry since 1955 and the MLPA agenda has all but ruined my family's business.

If you do not adopt 2-XA and go for a different agenda it will spell the end of a 53 year old business and it will cost the jobs of over 35 people.

Some of them will never be able to get another job and you will be responsible for them losing everything.

Think about the people you will be destroying.

2-XA is the only choice.

Respectfully,

JD Veach

From: Jean-Pierre Moulle [mailto:jdmoulle@pacbell.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:52 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: 2-XA proposal

BRTF,

I urge you to approve Proposal 2-XA. The MLPA threatens to severely impact the small boat fishermen to a point that the viability of unique local fisheries, such as California halibut, Dungeness crab, and Chinook Salmon, will be in jepordy.

There are three proposals being presented and each will have a different impact on ecosystem protection and socioeconomic stress. Proposal 2/XA meets and exceeds the requirements of the MLPA but it does so with the least amount of socioeconomic impact.

Proposals 1-3 and 4 have the most socioeconomic impact and will cause local fishermen to go out of business. This

will remove the fresh local seafood that the Bay Area restaurants, residents and tourists have cherished for over a century.

The last of the small boat, local hook and line fishermen will be finished.

Please give these fishermen the chance they need to stay in business. Please leave the 2/XA proposal intact and in its current form without any changes

Thank you for your consideration
Jean Pierre Moullé
Executive chef Chez Panisse restaurant
Berkeley, CA

From: Jim Volberding [mailto:jamiv925@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 4:04 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Proposal @-XA Support

Date: April 2, 2008

Dear MLPA BRTF Members,

There have been many changes in the fishing regulations since I started fishing here in 1978. There have been reductions in the number of hooks for hook and line. Reductions in limits of rockfish, Minimum size requirements for Ling cod, Cabezon. Changes in depth limits and season lengths. No take of species, Canary, Cow Cod, Yelloweye Rockfish.

The changes above are all working. That is why I fully support proposal 2-XA. I don't believe that total areas should be closed just because someone thinks they should be. The fishing community are the true ocean conservationists. Where trawlers were once allowed to fish in rocky areas they no longer can. The hook and line fishing community is interested in having future fishing opportunities and disruption of habitat is minimal at most.

Proposal 2-XA considered scientific factors. It also meets all the Criteria for the MLPA and DFG feasibility in this process. Small boat safety and access points to the ocean, Weather forecasts have been wrong many times. If a small boat has to venture further to fish and is caught in bad weather it can lead to disaster and loss of life.

The California economic situation is poor at this time. Proposal 2-XA took the coastal communities in the North Central Coast zone into account and adoption of either proposal 13 or 4 would be disastrous for this area. With the King salmon season already shut down and unknowns as far as length for the rockfish season, The Party boats are

already just trying to keep operating. The local businesses will see reduced income as well.

Please consider the BEST proposal for the people of California and Accept Proposal 2-XA as the best choice and forward to the Fish and Game commission.

Thank You,
James Volberding

From: Nancy Zehnder [mailto:njz30@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:47 PM
To: MLPAComments
Cc: fgc@fgc.ca.gov
Subject: Proposal 2XA

To Whom it may concern:

Our family have visited the beautiful coast of California between Stewart's Point and Gualala for many years. We have climbed and walked the area using the access path already in place. We believe the people now holding the land have successfully protected it all this time without using government money or control.

Please support Proposal 2XA.

John and Nancy Zehnder and family.

From: john.boseman@us.pwc.com [mailto:john.boseman@us.pwc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:03 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support of Proposal 2-XA

Ladies an Gentlemen,

Its time to face reality and accept Proposal 2-XA as the only viable option in this situation. Proposal 2-XA is scientifically based, which none of the other proposals are. Proposal 2-XA administers a reasonable approach to our family values of sharing and teaching the young people of all ages how to enjoy the ocean habitat without exposing people to long and, if the weather turns foul, potentially dangerous ocean transit.

Proposal 2-XA appears to have the support of the vast majority of public and special interest group support, the other proposals do not. Recall that this is supposed to be a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

Sincerely

John Boseman
San Jose, CA

From: j walthew [mailto:jawalthew@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 12:07 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support For Prooposal 2-XA

RE: Support for Proposal 2-XA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of Proposal 2-XA. This proposal shows a balance between conservation of the ocean and those that harvest food from it, because in the end no one wants to see this great resource in jeopardy. I urge you to pass Proposal 2-XA, something all Californians can be proud of.

Regards,

John Walthew
San Francisco

From: Joseph Conte [mailto:jcontemail@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:11 AM
To: MLPAComments; Governor; Mike Chrisman
Subject: Re: 2-XA

Please help us support 2-XA

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but:

Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of♣ the MLPA

Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility♣ guidelines

Proposal 2-XA is enforceable and will have broad public support♣

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range♣ of fishing user groups

Proposal 2-XA has a strong backbone of marine♣ reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on total♣ ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the “High” level of protection.

♣ Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.

Proposal 2-XA has the support of a vast array of♣ commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers.

Proposal 2-XA♣ and/or its individual components has the support of many in the conservation community.

Major differences between 2-XA and other proposals:

♣ Proposal 4 would close virtually all recreational bottom fishing at Duxbury Reef – the most important fishing area north of Point Conception and mean the virtual end of fishing out of San Francisco Bay.

Proposal 4 creates an MPA between♣ Half Moon Bay and Ano Nuevo (in the Central Coast study area) which is not needed to meet SAT conservation guidance, with devastating impacts to Pillar Point harbor and users.

Proposal 2-XA has good solutions at Bodega Bay and♣ Half Moon Bay whereas Proposal 4 would be devastating for the small boater and actually creates unsafe situations

Proposals 4 and 13 both place an MPA at♣ Saunders Reef (an area protected by natural winds and typically rough water) resulting in a disproportionate impact to an area that was severely underrepresented on the Regional Stakeholder Group.

Proposal 2-XA is the♣ only proposal to create an underwater park at Sea Ranch specifically designed for non-consumptive divers while leaving open the traditional public access used by consumptive divers south of Stewarts Point, and when coupled with the private lands to the south becomes a keystone MPA in the overall network. Proposals 13 and 4 impact recreational and commercial users to the highest degree by extending their SMR out to the state waters boundary. Only Proposal 2-XA has struck a real balance in this part of the study area which is reflected in a massive support from local residents, land owners, fishermen, and conservationists.

From: Archer Richardson [mailto:archerj@mcn.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:51 PM
To: Fish & Game Commission; MLPAComments
Subject: posting for another another...2XA

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Re: MLPA BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE REVIEW
ON APRIL 22-23, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in advance of the above-referenced meeting in the hopes that you will give great consideration to "PROPOSAL 2XA", and make that your choice in what amounts to a very difficult decision.

I understand that this has not been an easy process, as there are many interest groups that have weighed in to give input as to what areas of public and private land should be protected areas. As a sport fisherman, I too want to protect our local waters. I believe whole-heartedly that "PROPOSAL 2XA" helps us achieve that. It meets the policy guidelines of the MLPA, and that is because it is a proposal that was worked on for many hours by a vast assortment of people who support the MLPA. These are people who are knowledgeable about our coastline and know what it takes to ensure that this beautiful area is protected overtime.

In my review of the other two proposals that are being considered, it simply does not appear that they mesh with the policies of the MLPA as well as "PROPOSAL 2XA". Those two proposals were drafted by environmentalists who are on salary and therefore have their own agenda, which does not take into consideration the local economy of those who live along the coastal region and the ecosystems that are so important to all of us.

Finally, "PROPOSAL 2XA" provides an equal burden on the protected areas for

both public and private lands. It will preserve two of the eight public access points at The Sea Ranch, whereas the other proposals do not preserve any. Also, it is endorsed by many local residents and business owners on the coast because it is sensitive to the environment, adjacent landowners, and the local commercial industry.

I am confident that when the final decision is made, you will agree that "PROPOSAL 2XA" is the one that truly fits with the guidelines and policies of the North Coast MLPA. Thank you for the time and attention that you have given to this letter and my support of "PROPOSAL 2XA".

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. PASSALACQUA

JRP/rg

From: Kevin B Mc Grath [mailto:kevinb@humboldt.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 7:17 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: {Spam?} governor@governor.ca.gov

Dear Task Force Members,

I strongly urge you to support Proposal 2-XA in your upcoming vote. I am an avid sportfisherman who learned to fish with my Dad growing up in Monterey. It is the most balanced option which addresses both conservation requirements and socioeconomic impacts on commercial and recreational fishermen.

Of all the proposals offered, 2-XA achieves the most of the MLPA scientific and conservation goals and the DFG guidelines. Further it is the most enforceable and I believe will be the most likely to gain the support of the various communities/groups involved.

Thank you for your consideration.
Kevin Mc Grath

From: Kristophor Timmons [mailto:plumberkris@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 7:48 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Proposal 2-XA

To whom It May Concern my name is Kristophor Timmons, I am a diver and a fisherman. I believe that proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers. Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA. It meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines; it is enforceable and will have broad public support. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user grope and has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster. Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection. Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range and has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers. Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components has the support of many in the conservation community. Only Proposal 2-XA has struck a real balance in this part of the study area which is reflected in a massive support from local residents, land owners, fishermen, and conservationists.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely Kristophor Timmons

From: mark barbour [mailto:barbourmark@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:55 PM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: MLPA

I am in support of proposal 2-xa! I am a concerned user of the resource and care enough to take care of it while allowing my children to fish the same waters I did as a boy. Please support sport fisherman supporting the local oceans!

Thanks,

Mark Barbour

From: Sceloporus107@aol.com [mailto:Sceloporus107@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:43 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: MLPA Proposal, Support Proposal 2 XA

Mark W. Chow, MBA

Employee Benefits and Insurance Planning by Design

MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Mr. Mike Chrisman, Resources Secretary

RE: MLPA Proposal Support 2-XA

Thank you for your effort to understand the tremendous impact of this situation at hand. I urge you to clearly take the time to recognize the huge negative impact which millions of Californians which is at stake. Proposal 2 -XA must be supported. I am a native Californian, born and raised in San Francisco. I am a Biologist/ Zoologist by undergraduate academics at UC Berkeley, a businessman by academics, San Francisco State MBA, and by career. I am clearly an conservationist, and outdoorsman, and have grown to love the engagement with the great outdoors and all the beauty it brings to myself, my friends and family. I am both shocked and outraged, as to how the MLPA process, which I personally supported, has been captured by the Protectionist Camp, and literally considering a Protectionist Position, with little compromise, closing access to Californians to engage with wildlife, observing, recreationally fishing and sightseeing and scuba diving with the abundance provided through a current strong and working regulatory environment provided by the California Department of Fish and Game, the Pacific Marine Fisheries Council(PFMC), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS/ NOAA).

Today, there are very strict guidelines for human interaction and harvest with wildlife....very strict guidelines. Today, improper practices of the past, have been largely suspended, and more importantly, most recreational fish species enjoy a tremendous and robust population, which, has very aggressive season and bag limit protection, as compared with season 10 to 20 years ago. Proposal 2 XA, is a beautiful compromise, which achieves all the scientific and conservation goals of the MLP. This is not an Extremist compromise, but a strong compromise, good for all Californians. This Proposal appears to place the emphasis on contributing to the network of Protected sites with appropriate size, and adequate "High Level of Protection", and still securing the support of Commercial and Recreational Fishermen and Divers. This Proposal, does in fact, provide for huge all conservation measures to be met, as outlined by the MLPA, along with being logistically, feasible within DFG guidelines, and enforceable, This Proposal, was designed through careful thought, which is today, arguably the best compromise on the table for all Californians. I am an Assistant Instructor with the U.C. Berkeley Scientific Diving Program, and I clearly endorse only Proposal 2 XA.

One must understand that all Outdoorsmen, and Conservationists wish to truly enjoy and engage with the out of doors. We all want wildlife abundance, and the ability to enjoy the beauty of the wildlife and out of doors, whether it be whale watching on a boat, Scuba Diving in a Kelp bed, or the moments with friends and family, fishing in the great outdoors, and also, enjoying a meal from a day on the sea. You have to understand how important it is for the psychic enjoyment of myself and others, to have strong access to the outdoors. This enjoyment, is what allowed my grandparents to live a long and happy life into their late 80's and 90's. My parents and family today, are always extremely happy with any fish and shellfish I can offer on occasion when successful, and share them and my family, a small harvest experience, which binds us together, as we join as a family for sharing. These moments, are sometimes the happiest moments I experience with my family. Today we have a very robust ecosystem which can afford the limited engagement which current Fish and Game Seasons and Limits allow.

I had the opportunity to study under a Zoology Professor at U.C. Berkeley, who was once voted the best Professor on Campus. During one of his closing lectures, he made a comment, as to how he once thought that zoos were just not right, and that animals should be wild and free. Later, he realized, that his position was incorrect, and, in fact elitist. Why elitist? Well, once, he explained, he had the opportunity to help with underprivileged children on a Zoo tour. He realized, with amazement, that here, there were children, that most likely, would NEVER Visit and Vacation in regions which were almost home to him at times, such as South American Rain Forests, or regions in the deserts. These children, would never see Elephants in Africa, or a Walrus or Caribou in the Artic. On the other hand, the smiles on these children, literally said it

all, when they saw these animals for the first time, first hand. He recognized, that with this amazement, the children when engaging with these animals, would ultimately provide the only hope for the long term success with conservation in this world. That smile was priceless in more ways than one....these were the adults of the future, who would have an appreciation for the creatures on this earth, only through direct interaction. When I was a child, I loved the zoo, and begged my mother to take me to the zoo every weekend. I loved fishing, and that helped me to engage with the outdoors, secure a degree in Zoology, and hope and wish for conservation and strong wildlife management...that moment, that amazement started it all for me. Think about this, have you ever seen the smile on a child that catches his or her first fish. Lets insure, that we develop a conservation Proposal, that INSURES and guarantees we have both conservation, and a compromise to allow fishing and recreational opportunities along California's Shoreline. I cannot imagine any sadder day, than the day when I cannot bring child to the ocean, and create this enthusiasm for the great outdoors. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal which offers a degree of compromise.

From: Marker Lovell [mailto:mlovell@gibsonrobb.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:03 AM

To: MLPAComments

Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman

Subject: To Blue ribbon task force MLPA

I support proposal "2-XA" because:

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but:

1. Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA;
2. Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines;
3. Proposal 2-XA is enforceable and will have broad public support;
4. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups;
5. Proposal 2-XA has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster;
6. Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection;
7. Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range;
8. Proposal 2-XA has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers;

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Major differences between 2-XA and other proposals:

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3. Proposal 2-XA has good solutions at Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay whereas Proposal 4 would be devastating for the small boater and actually creates unsafe situations ;

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5. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to create an underwater park at Sea Ranch specifically designed for non-consumptive divers while leaving open the traditional public access used by consumptive divers south of Stewarts Point, and when coupled with the private lands to the south becomes a keystone MPA in the overall network.

6. Proposals 13 and 4 impact recreational and commercial users to the highest degree by extending their SMR out to the state waters boundary.

7. Only Proposal 2-XA has struck a real balance in this part of the study area which is reflected in a massive support from local residents, land owners, fishermen, and conservationists

Respectfully submitted,

Marker E. Lovell, Jr.

Berkeley, CA

From: mbhm@earthlink.net [mailto:mbhm@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:38 AM

To: MLPAComments
Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman
Subject: I support Proposal 2-XA

4/2/08

Gentlemen,

I am writing to urge you to move forward with proposal 2-XA, which I feels offers a good balance of protection of our fisheries resources while giving recreational fishermen opportunities to fish. I own my own skiff and my friends and I spend allot of time on the ocean. My feeling is the recreational fisherman has only a small impact on our fisheries, it is the commercial fishing industry that has driven our fish stocks to critically low levels. **I strongly support MLPA areas closed to commercial fishermen yet open to recreational fisherman with appropriate limits to insure sustainability.**

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Martin Baccaglio
Cupertino, CA

From: Mike Connelly [mailto:connelly@du-all.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:38 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Proposal 2-XA

To BRTF members,

I have followed this MLPA process for the last several months and am very impressed with the work put into Proposal 2-XA. After seeing the travesty experienced by the Central Coast, I felt we were doomed for the same pre-determined outcome they were forced to accept. This proposal, 2-XA gives me hope. The other two are weak at best, with no "best science" considerations.

Proposal 2-XA exceeds the goals of the MLPA, while allowing the recreational fishermen with small boats continue to enjoy their passion. This proposal represents a meeting of the minds and should be accepted wholeheartedly.

It does not seem that the other proposals have considered the socio economic impact of their implementation or the safety of the small boat fishermen.

I really look forward to seeing Proposal 2-XA implemented.

Thank you,

Michael Connelly
Director of Operations

From: Shephard, Michael [mailto:mshephard@bofasecurities.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:03 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: 2-AX

This is the right plan for everybody!!!!

From: Patrick Elie [mailto:pselie1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:11 AM
To: MLPAComments
Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman
Subject: Support of proposal of 2-XA

Blue Ribbon Task Force:

Please make every consideration to the proposal of 2-XA. Ocean management is a good thing. I fully support the need to control all Ocean fisheries from a commercial standpoint and a recreational standpoint. Full closure is not a management tool and closing down all key areas of bay area ocean fishing will have devastating impact on my life and the lives of my family members. As a fishing retailer with two locations in Northern California closure of the key fishing areas would mean a closure of our business. There must be a common ground that we all can stand on. Resources are for everyone to use in a respectful and sustainable manner. Please consider recreational fishing as a very important part of your future decision. I believe the angler cares the most about those fish in the sea and closure does not belong in this management process.

Thank you for your efforts to keep fishing alive in CA.

Patrick Elie
Manager Outdoor Pro Shop

From: Paul Venker [mailto:Paul@greengoinc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:04 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: 2-XA

Dear MLPA.

I was born and raised in California and have been fishing and diving off our coast for over 40 years now. I want to remain doing the same as I have done in the past as my father and grandfathers did. I am a long time coastside fishing club member and I support 2-XA 100%.

Thanks,
Paul J. Venker
Concord, Ca.

From: Peter Nakamura [mailto:fish5544@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:20 PM
To: MLPAComments

Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman

Subject: Support for Proposal 2-XA

Dear MLPA Board,

A native Californian, age 60, I own a 21' boat. I fish approximately 80% for salmon, and 20% for halibut, rockfish and Dungeness crab. Over the last four years, I average five fishing trips each year.

In addition to launch/parking fees from Richmond Marina, gas, maintenance, I incur dry storage fees of \$160 per month (Pro Storage Richmond.) I purchased four 2008 fishing licenses for friends as Christmas gifts.

With God's grace, I will fish another ten years maximum. With salmon fishing possibly closed for the next two years, and reviews of MLPA adopted plans every five years, it is very discouraging. I do not care for the MLPA's policy.

However, if you do not adopt proposal 2-XA, I, and others like me in the baby boomer generation, will stop sport fishing altogether.

That will be a sad day for me, the Bay Area, and all of California.

Sincerely,

Peter K Nakamura
Coastside Fishing Club Member
El Cerrito

From: Peter Yeatrakas [mailto:pyeatrakas@wespay.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 5:28 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: Old Guy's comment to MLPA decision Makers

To the folks that are determining the future of our (and potentially changing) rights to fish in California

Yes it was a bust of a salmon season last year, but it seems that scientists can't determine what the cause is for the decline of salmon returning to spawn. So please don't go overboard in your decisions and look very hard at the plan that is supported by members of the Coastside fishing club 2-XA. I have written before, but I needed to let you know, that I don't understand all the issues but I have been listening to those proposed by CS and reading about the other ones. In my old mind, you need agree with 2-XA and not be swayed by the proponents of the other ill conceived proposals.

I am almost 66 and come from a family of fishermen. My grandfather fished in Greece and used to swim back from the Princeton rocks after a day of eel fishing; my father fished all his life in the bay area, and I followed in his footsteps. I fish with a guy that is 85 and has fished for most of his life. I think that it's everyone's responsibility to conserve and provide for a vibrant fishing future for the people that come after us. But I don't believe that a complete failure of the salmon fishery

was created by recreational fishing. In fact, until last year, the number of licenses has steadily been declining. Has anyone taken a hard look at the catch and number of fishermen over the last 15 to 20 years? Consider other demographics: we went from three fish per day to two, limiting the type of hooks that could be used, no clipping of tails to clipping and back, sturgeon tags, one pole, two poles; and all kinds of different size limits! No consistency or order in the regulations. Just throw it up against the wall and hope it sticks.

I think that the plight of salmon is not because of overfishing but mismanagement of the water resources in the delta. So let's get behind the plan that was created by the folks that know more about the fishery than most of us, that is 2-XA. I have a life time fishing license, purchased with the understanding that I could use it for the rest of my lifetime, and for the first time, I can't fish for salmon.

If you didn't get it, here it is again 2-XA is the right decision

Best regards,
Peter Yeatrakas
San Mateo CA

From: Rain Ochoa [mailto:rainocha@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:59 PM
To: MLPAComments
Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman
Subject: Proposal 2-XA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding my support for Proposal 2-XA. This proposal is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers. I am in support of proposal 2-XA for the following reasons:

- *Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA
- *Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines
- *Proposal 2-XA is enforceable and will have broad public support
- *Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups
- *Proposal 2-XA has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster
- *Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection.
- *Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.
- *Proposal 2-XA has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers.
- *Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components have the support of many in the conservation community.

Major differences between 2-XA and other proposals:

* Proposal 4 would close virtually all recreational bottom fishing at Duxbury Reef – the most important fishing area north of Point Conception and mean the virtual end of fishing out of San Francisco Bay.

*Proposal 4 creates an MPA between Half Moon Bay and Ano Nuevo (in the Central Coast study area) which is not needed to meet SAT conservation guidance, with devastating impacts to Pillar Point harbor and users.

*Proposal 2-XA has good solutions at Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay whereas Proposal 4 would be devastating for the small boater and actually creates unsafe situations

*Proposals 4 and 13 both place an MPA at Saunders Reef (an area protected by natural winds and typically rough water) resulting in a disproportionate impact to an area that was severely underrepresented on the Regional Stakeholder Group.

*Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to create an underwater park at Sea Ranch specifically designed for non-consumptive divers while leaving open the traditional public access used by consumptive divers south of Stewarts Point, and when coupled with the private lands to the south becomes a keystone MPA in the overall network.

*Proposals 13 and 4 impact recreational and commercial users to the highest degree by extending their SMR out to the state waters boundary. Only Proposal 2-XA has struck a real balance in this part of the study area which is reflected in a massive support from local residents, land owners, fishermen, and conservationists.

For the above reasons please support Proposal 2-XA.

Thank you,

Richard Behrens

From: Rick Ross [mailto:rickross@astound.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 7:35 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Proposal 2-XA

Why is it every year we as recreational fishermen have to face a huge battle just to be able to pursue our passion. I support MLPA proposal 2-XA

From: Elizabeth Ross [mailto:rfam@astound.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 7:30 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: MLPA 2-XA

For the past 8 years I have fished the saltwater in California. Now California is considering the closure of many of the same waters I have been fishing. I have no other hobbies, I work and I fish. These other proposals will close off many of the productive areas and put more unnecessary pressure in a much smaller area. I support proposal 2-XA as the only one that makes sense.
Rick Ross

From: Robert Filbrun [<mailto:filbrunrl@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:07 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support For Proposal 2-XA

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to show my strong support for Proposal 2-XA. I feel this is the only proposal that attempts to strike any kind of balance between sustainable fisheries, the impact to the economy of California. I feel we have a right to use what is on this earth but in no way have the right to abuse it.

Science does not support Proposal 4 as being needed to maintain sustainable fisheries.
While targeting Lings I have experienced many times having a bait hit as many as fifteen times by rock fish before it got to the bottom.

No one will ever make me believe sport fishermen are destroying our fish populations or are having a negative impact on our environment to a degree that warrants that we no longer should fish. Proposal 4 would effectively stop fishing. That would be completely wrong as I see it.

If one considers just the economical impact that Proposal 4 would have on California it would be enough to tell one to steer clear of it. Whole industries will be affected such as tackle manufactures, bait companies, motels, grocery stores, clothing stores, boat companies, fishing license sales when F&G needs money in a bad way. These are just some of the areas that would be hit that are not creating sales tax revenue for our state.

Proposal 2-XA is a good a balance and will satisfy the intent of the MLPA.

Please support Proposal 2-XA when you vote.

Best regards,

Robert Filbrun

From: Ron Morehouse [<mailto:rcmorehouse@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:16 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: support for proposal 2-XA

I support proposal 2-XA as it provides for a balance of conservation and social and economic impacts. Other proposals would effectively end recreational fishing for many people. Remember that recreational fishing not only provides a great outdoor activity but also an economic base that cannot be replaced if fishing is lost.

From: Sam English [mailto:sjenglish@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:12 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: MLPA plan 2-XA

Please approve plan 2-xa. This plan seems to be a good compromise for all concerns. I have fished the Half Moon Bay area for 30 years and at 60 years old, fishing is not a passion but a way of life. Don't take my life away or my son's.
Sam English
California resident fisherman and Coastside Fishing Club member

From: s.beardsley [mailto:s.beardsley@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:53 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support for 2-XA

To whom it may concern,

I would like to ask for your support on the 2-XA proposal, this proposal appears to be the best compromise of any on the table at this time. 2-XA meets the conservation goals required by the various governing bodies while still allowing a safe fishery near local ports. As an avid saltwater fisherman and owner of a small trailered fishing vessel it is important for me, my family and friends that fish with me, that we are not required to travel extreme distances to get to "open" fishing grounds. Safety on the ocean is the number one rule, obeying the laws and regulations in place is the second most important rule, so please make sure that the laws you put in place are considerate of everyone's needs. Please support the 2-XA proposal so we can continue to carefully use this natural resource by fishing in a safe and conservative manner. In addition to the restrictions being placed on the fishing community in the name of saving the fish, repairing the environment the fish live and breed in and reducing pollution will have a far greater effect than just banning fishing. So please put your support behind the best of the available proposals 2-XA.

Sincerely,
Scott Beardsley

From: Steve Wells [mailto:steve.wells@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:50 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Recommending Proposal 2-XA

Blue Ribbon Task Force

I'm one of the lazy type who generally lets others do all the heavy lifting but the MLPA process has got my attention and I'd like to back the Proposal 2-XA. I've followed the process as carefully as I can, and believe that this proposal is the best for all the constituents.

My reasons are selfish as a recreational fisherman and native Californian. In our crazy lifestyle, fishing the ocean is the only activity our family enjoys together, all 3 generations. It's a real "right of passage" to catch you first salmon. My 5 year old grand daughter can already identify two kinds of whales, knows many rockfish, loves bait crab pots.....and knows how to unhook a fish so it can swim away.

I also belong to Coastside Fishing Club who has done an enormous amount of hard work on this proposal and backed it with science. I urge the Blue Ribbon Task Force to adopt Proposal 2-XA.

Sincerely,

Steve Wells

From: whitebear@seastriper.com [mailto:whitebear@seastriper.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:37 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Striper Owners Club for Proposal 2-XA

I represent the Striper Owners Club, a group of over 3,000 boat owners and fishermen.

Most of our members have decades of experience on saltwater fishing boats.

We highly encourage the support of the MLPA Proposal 2-XA for safety reason. Our members will be able to fish closer to home ports. With the highly variable weather and ocean conditions, this will allow a greater degree of safety in a potential dangerous environment.

Proposal 2-XA is also, the best compromise between use and protection of the marine environment.

Dick Slavens "White Bear"
Striper Owners Club

From: Thom Bennett [mailto:thom.bennett@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:22 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Proposal 2-XA

April 2, 2008

I support Proposal 2-XA. I am a private boat owner. I began fishing 20 years ago. I fish mostly of the Marin County and San Mateo coasts. There is no reason to close whole areas to all fishing. There is basically no bycatch of groundfish when trolling for salmon. The best trolling for salmon is along the coastline, especially the Duxbury Reef area. Closing these areas will create a situation where small boat fisherman will have to go to unsafe distances off the coast. The fishing community are true conservationists. We want to return year after year.

Please accept and pass Proposal 2XA.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thom Bennett
Oakland, CA

From: Wesley Jess [<mailto:wesleyjess37@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 6:00 PM
To: MLPAComments; governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman
Subject: Support for Proposal 2-XA- please don't close all fishing

Dear Blue Ribbon Task Force,

I am a 12 year resident of Half Moon Bay and an active fisherman. I rent a slip at Pillar Point harbor every year so I can spend time on the water fishing with my family and friends.

I am asking that you please consider/support proposal 2-XA. Here is why I think this proposal will work as a compromise for our future.

61607; Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA

 Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines

I am firmly against proposal 4 as it closes down my favorite fishing area and impacts the harbor and many of my friends and family.

 Proposal 4 creates an MPA between Half Moon Bay and Ano Nuevo (in the Central Coast study area) which is not needed to meet SAT conservation guidance, with devastating impacts to Pillar Point harbor and users.

Please consider proposal 2-XA.

Wesley Jess
Half Moon Bay, California